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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lieutenant General D. V. Bennett, USA  
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Congressional Request for Release of Intelligence  
Documents

REFERENCE: Your Memorandum S-42296/DC-4A dated  
23 August 1971

1. Since receipt of referent memorandum we have reviewed Volume II of the Human Resources Intelligence Collection Management Manual and note that it deals extensively with sensitive aspects of clandestine intelligence tradecraft. These are matters involving intelligence sources and methods which I am enjoined by statute to protect. In line with policies laid down by the chairmen of the committees with oversight responsibility over the Agency, I have not been free without their prior approval to discuss these matters outside these committees.

2. In these circumstances I cannot concur in your suggestion that Parts III and IV of the material in question be displayed to members of the House Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information.

3. For similar reasons, I would recommend against your proposal that certain members of the Subcommittee be allowed to review the entire manual.

4. The enclosures dealing with definitions which you propose to pass to the Subcommittee do not represent the agreed definitions of either the community or this Agency, and have, moreover, been subject to widespread confusion and misinterpretation in the public mind. I would therefore recommend against providing any of this material to the Subcommittee.

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms  
Director

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